

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AND PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

A. Eligibility of ~~Transfer of Presently Enrolled~~ Students ~~into~~ Special Education Programs

1. Children may be referred through a screening process, or by school staff, the parent(s), or other individuals to the principal or designee of the school the child attends~~A teacher, principal, supervisor, parent, or other interested person may initiate a referral of a child to a Local School Screening Committee~~ if it is believed that the child may be in need of special education services.

2. Eligibility for special education services is determined by the Special Education Eligibility Committee in accordance with Federal, State, and Local regulations governing the operation of special education programs for students with disabilities.

3. Placement of eligible children in a special education program may occur only after the development of an Individualized Educational Program in accordance with the procedures outlined in the State and Federal regulations.

B. Children with Disabilities Who Transfer Admission of Eligible Disabled Students from Other School Divisions and/or Private Schools

1. LCPS shall provide a free appropriate public education to the child, including ensuring that the child has available special education and related services, in consultation with the parent(s), including services comparable to those described in the child's IEP from the previous local educational agency, until LCPS either:

a. Adopts and implements the child's IEP from the previous local educational agency with the parent's consent; or

b. Conducts an evaluation, if determined necessary by LCPS, and develops and implements a new IEP with the parent's consent in accordance with federal and state regulations.~~If a student is enrolled whose immediate prior educational placement was in a special education program, the child is eligible for interim placement in a special education program consistent with his/her current IEP during the period the Loudoun County assessment and eligibility process is being completed.~~

2. When enrolling an eligible disabled student, the principal should follow the procedures outlined in the special education regulations.

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3. Final determination of continuing eligibility for special education services will be made by the Special Education Eligibility Committee in accordance with existing rules and regulations.

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